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A HAPPY NEW DECADE TO EVERYONE

APPRECIATION AND GOOD WISHES

On behalf of all members in the Department of Municipal Affairs, we wish to take this occasion to express appreciation for the fine co-operation received from the many elected and appointed local government officials with whom we worked in 1969.

At this time, we extend to them, and to all readers of the COUNSELLOR, our good wishes for a happy and prosperous 1970.

A.W. MORRISON
Deputy

F.C. COLBORNE
Minister

COMMITTEE PREPARES REPORT

o On Assessment and Taxation

These MEMBERS of a special nine-man committee are studying recommendations and representations received on:

- real property assessment and taxation
- assessment equalization
- requisitions upon municipalities for school foundation and hospital tax levies

(L to R) ELMER ALLEN - Farmer's Union of Alberta; HON. EDGAR GERHART - Attorney General; DAVID RUSSELL - MLA - Calgary Victoria Park; ROBERT BARRETT - Alberta Urban Municipalities Association; Chairman RALPH BROWN - Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties; Secretary WILLIAM MACDONALD - Clerk of the Legislative Assembly; EUGENE MITCHELL - Alberta Federation of Labour; LORNE LEAVITT - MLA - Calgary Queens Park; CARL MULLER - MLA - Pembina; LEIGHTON BUCKWELL - MLA - Macleod.

A resolution of the 1969 legislature instructed the government to form this committee. Its organizational meeting was held in Edmonton, June 27, last year. Background briefings were then obtained from officials of the Department of Municipal Affairs during several workshop sessions conducted in July and August.

In addition, the committee advertised with an invitation for all interested parties to submit representations on these matters not later than September 26. Public hearings were held during the period October 14 - 24.

The committee is reviewing all representations, information and recommendations following the hearings. It is expected to complete a report for presentation to this next regular session of the Legislative Assembly. ●

AUMA COMPUTER STUDY

The AUMA will be studying the centralized or regional use of computers in 1970. The study is being undertaken as a result of approval of the membership during the 1969 annual convention.

BARRETT OF RED DEER HEADS AUMA FOR '70

Five hundred and eighty nine delegates and their guests attended the 63rd annual convention of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association held in the Macdonald Hotel Edmonton, October 28-31, 1969.

Red Deer Mayor New President

Mayor R.E. Barrett of Red Deer was named president of the Association for 1970 following the annual election of officers held Thursday, October 28.

R.E. BARRETT

President-elect is Mayor Dr. I. Dent of Edmonton. He will serve as president in 1971 if the 1970 convention agrees. Other officers are Mayor A.E. Velker of Rockyford first vice-president; Alderman Peter Petrasuk of Calgary, second vice-president and city commissioner J.M. Tweddle of Edmonton, honorary secretary.

Alderman Helen Gibson of Medicine Hat retired from the executive committee after a two-year term. Her place was taken by Alderman George Davison of the same city. Others elected to the executive were: Mayor J. Archer, Beaverlodge; Alderman Mrs. M. Sparling, Camrose; Mayor J. Griffiths, Edson; Mayor S.A. Hafso, Viking; Mayor A. Stapleton, Morinville; Secretary L. Richard, St. Paul; Mayor A.C. Anderson, Lethbridge; and Mayor A. Ames, Pincher Creek.

Provincial-Municipal Advisory Committee

Following the convention, the new executive re-affirmed president R.E. Barrett and Fort Saskatchewan Town Manager, J. Clark as association nominees for regular membership on the PMAC, with immediate past-president, Mayor Wes Jackson of Lacombe continuing as the alternate. Under association by-laws, Mr. Clark thus automatically remains a member of their execuitve.

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AUMA CONVENTION
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Calgary Next Year

The city of Red Deer invited the association to hold the 1970 convention in that centre. The convention left it to their executive to decide the place and date. The new executive has now announced Calgary is their selection.

Grants in Lieu of Business Taxes

Treasury branches, liquor stores, Alberta Government Telephone offices and all like commercial provincial agencies will be paying a grant in lieu of business tax soon, the Hon. F.C. Colborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs, forecast at the convention Thursday.

Introduced by his cousin, Mayor R.B. Colborne of Wetaskiwin, Mr. Colborne, in a keynote address, said that in response to AUMA 1968 resolution No. 10, he expects legislation will be introduced to allow the province to give a grant in lieu of a business tax for its crown commercial agencies where a business tax is levied in a municipality.

111 RESOLUTIONS

One hundred and eleven resolutions were dealt with. Of these seventy-four were adopted and then presented December 12 to the Executive Council, Government of Alberta. Four of the seventy-four dealt with matters of concern related to the Government of Canada, such as the Canada Pension Plan, income tax, dangerous drugs, and postal lock boxes. The following are of particular interest in Municipal Affairs:

ASSESSMENTS

All exemptions on real property for municipal purposes are asked to be discarded in order that municipalities may recover their municipal servicing costs by assessment and taxation (54).

A commission with adequate resources and expertise is suggested for the purpose of reviewing all aspects of tax and revenue sources for municipalities and school boards (58).

Resolution number 71 argues that mobile homeowners do not pay a fair share of municipal, education and hospital costs, and asks for a change through legislation.

Resolution number 97 calls for a repeal of exemptions on all nursing homes.

COUNTY ACT

County Council school representatives should be selected by population according to resolution 22.

Resolution 47 asks urban municipal representation at Federal-Provincial conferences, and the Secretary Treasurer's Association secured approval for resolution 93 asking that all requisitions be submitted by February 15th to permit earlier urban budgets.

HOMEOWNER TAX

Old age pensioners electing to rent or board elsewhere other than their own home by reasons of age or health should retain a homeowner tax discount according to resolution number 41.

Resolution number 43 asks the province to pay the homeowner tax discount directly to the municipality to save administration costs.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT

Nine resolutions under this heading dealt with such matters as drainage liability, delegation of licensing discretions, maintenance of buildings, encumbrances on gift lands, noise levels, eligibility for municipal office when in arrear of taxes, powers for a municipal parking authority, proposed road closures and continued access for urbanites of rivers and streams, and finally a joint Department of Municipal Affairs ---- AUMA study to propose principles and guidelines in lieu of detail in the Municipal Government Act.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ACT

A change in voting hours from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. is asked (64). Residence requirements are asked to be eased to allow a voter temporary absence to seek personal improvement (66).

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THE CHANGING SCENE

o TOWNS

Calmar	Secretary	Mrs. I.G. Anderson
Didsbury	Secretary	K.W. Metcalfe
Edson	Secretary	P. Serdiak
Fort Saskatchewan	Secretary	E. E. Wedel
Gleichen	Secretary	F.D. Creighton
Granum	Secretary	Mrs. A. Mack
Lac La Biche	Secretary	P. V. Poholski
Smoky Lake	Secretary	A. Kuziemsky
Spirit River	Secretary	Mrs. F. Marple
Vegreville	Secretary	R.M. Wemyss
Wainwright	Secretary	D. Findlater

o VILLAGES

Chipman	Mayor	J. Padlechi
	Secretary	H. Shavchook
Clyde	Secretary	R. Tainsh
Consort	Secretary	J.P. Trieber
Craigmyle	Secretary	Mrs. B. Olmstead
Edgerton	Mayor	F. Perkins
	Secretary	L.F. Alwood
Heisler	Secretary	S.F. Kuntz
Hines Creek	Secretary	Mrs. M. Bollen
Lomond	Secretary	Mrs. M. Root
Rumsey	Secretary	Mrs. M.L. Newton
Torrington	Mayor	M.R. Hutton
Waskatenau	Secretary	A. Sawchuk

o SUMMER VILLAGES

Alberta Beach	Mayor	S. Wyker 11415 - 122 St., Edmonton
	Secretary	Mrs. N. MacLean Alberta Beach
Argentia Beach	Mayor	G.T. Webb 7728 - 85 Avenue, Edmonton
Castle Island	Mayor	H.M. Todd 10683 Hardisty Drive, Edmonton
Golden Days	Mayor	A.H. Wachowich 11234 - 63 Street, Edmonton
Grandview	Mayor	R.A. Fisk 4008 - 126 Street, Edmonton
Island Lake	Mayor	G.L. Carscadden Box 284, Fort Saskatchewan
Itaska Beach	Mayor	I. Gouin #2 Valleyview Point, Edmonton
Kapasiwin	Secretary	R.W. Losie 222 Tegler Building, Edmonton
Nakamun Park	Mayor	E.C. Macdonald Box 294, Onoway
Silver Beach	Mayor	J. Hole 7512 Laurier Drive, Edmonton
Silver Sands	Mayor	D. Bain 11934 - 58 Street, Edmonton

SOUTH VIEW SUMMER VILLAGE INCORPORATED JANUARY 1

The summer village of South View was erected effective January 1, 1970 under authority of Order-in-Council 2319/69.

South View is on the north shore of Lake Isle in the County of Lac St Anne. Its property assessment was $ 67,190.00 in 1969.

Nomination day is June 6, 1970 and election day, July 4, 1970. Mr. N.S. Kennedy of 10363 - 108 Street, Edmonton, is administrator until a mayor and council are elected.

There are now 31 summer villages in Alberta.

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AUMA CONVENTION

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MUNICIPAL TAXATION ACT

Section 137 of the Municipal Taxation Act is suggested for amendment to allow installation of utilities as a local improvement in centres of less than 300 residents. This would permit such a municipality to assist a utility company in financing capital expenditures within the municipal boundaries (105).

PLANNING

Resolution number 48 asks for help with costs of plan cancellations and consolidations.

Number 51 suggest authority for the Executive Council to change provisions in the Planning Act between legislative sessions.

Number 52 suggests amending the appropriate legislation to require that all taxes be paid in full before the plans of a sub-division are endorsed by an approving authority.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

A trial of daylight saving time is requested in resolution number 37. The trial would run from April 1st to October 31st in 1970. In the last provincial election May 23, 1967, daylight saving time was defeated by a majority of 2.5%. Urban areas generally voted in favour and rural areas were heavily against.

LORD'S DAY ACT ---- PETITIONS

The convention called for an amendment in the Lord's Day Act to provide that any petitions for changes in the Sunday law must be signed by 5% of the population to force a plebicite on the issue. At present a plebicite can be forced by a petition from 5% or 2,000 electors, whichever is the smaller number.

Number 96, an Edmonton resolution, was adopted urging the province to provide supplemental accomodation grants for pensioners whether they own their homes or rent.

$5 FOR COSTS RE INTOXICATED PERSONS HELD OVERNIGHT

Four resolutions (14, 15, 16, and 17) were answered in another part of Mr. Colborne's speech when he announced that, as a result of earlier submissions by a number of municipalities, the government recently decided to provide subsidization to municipalities for their costs in providing shelter, guarding, meals and medical care to those retained and released without formally being charged for intoxication.

The subsidy is $5.00 per person and was effective October 1.

POLLUTION CONTROL

The PMAC is studying factors relating to a proposal to exempt industry from assessment and taxation of its pollution control equipment and property required for it, Mr. Colborne also said.

MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE ACT

Resolution number 35 suggests a review of the formula for Municipal Assistance grants to provide a per capita consideration.

HOUSING ACT PROVISIONS

Minimum property standards are asked to be extended from urban renewal to all urban property (74).

PROVINCIAL POLICE?

In a last flurry of business Friday, delegates passed a resolution asking the provincial government to re-activate its plan for a provincial police force to assist towns and villages in policing (108).

GREEN CARD BAN SOUGHT

In its dying moments, the convention also passed:

- A Calgary resolution asking that all vehicle owners have insurance for their vehicles before being issued a car license. In effect, the resolution indicated that the unsatisfied judgment fund -- green card -- be disbanded, - making every driver obtain private insurance.

- An Edmonton resolution asking the government to establish a two-price system or other effective means for differentiating between natural gas consumed in the province and natural gas exported; also the allocation of a portion of all natural gas for use within the province.

PREMIER SPEAKS

Premier Harry E. Strom addressed delegates and their guests during the banquet Wednesday evening.

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SECRETARY'S CALENDAR

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- o - THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT - o -

The municipal secretary shall submit to council monthly, or at such other interval as the council may prescribe, a correct statement of the monies standing to the credit or debt of the municipality (Section 58).

January 15 - Municipal secretary shall complete the books and records of the previous year and make them ready for audit (Section 61).

Annual financial statement to be prepared by the first day of February (Section 62).

- o - THE MUNICIPAL TAXATION ACT - o -

January 1 - Penalties to be added to tax arrears if authorized by by-law (Section 107).

Assessment appeals to be received within 30 days of the mailing of assessment slips or within 30 days of date of posting and publishing notice of preparation of assessment roll (Section 38).

Date set for the sitting of the court of revision. (Section 37).

Members of the court of revision to be appointed. (Section 36).

Completion of court of revision duties within 150 days after the publication of notice required under section 34 (Section 45).

Notify complainant and the assessor of the result of the hearing of the complaints at the court of revision (Section 47).

The assessment roll is to be certified complete upon the closings of the sittings of the court of revision or upon expiry of the time for complaining (Section 48).

FEB 1970

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- o - THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT - o -

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Not later than the last day of February the municipal secretary shall cause the financial statement or a synopsis thereof, together with the accompanying auditors report, to be published in accordance with section 63.

NOTE - Annual meeting to be held not later than March 31st (Section 126 Municipal Government Act).

CERTIFICATES OF TITLE

o A duplicate is held by each municipal secretary

Each time a Land Title Office has made a new Certificate of Title since 1962, a duplicate copy on yellow paper has been sent to the Department of Municipal Affairs. In turn the Department has sent the yellow copy on to the secretary of the appropriate municipality.

Although these certificates do not show liens, incumberances or any later alterations of the title, they do serve to provide the municipal secretary with a record of the current title holder.

Land Titles Registrar, Emil Gamache, has said his studies indicate that the average land title in Alberta is likely to change hands every 20 years. Thus by 1982 or shortly thereafter (that is, 20 years from 1962) most municipal secretaries should find that their file of these forms will provide them with a nearly complete record of land titles in their municipalities.

The municipal secretary should also find these duplicate certificates to be useful in providing information for persons making inquiries as to registered owners of land parcels in his municipality.

1969 MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

AS DISTRIBUTED UNDER THE MUNICIPALITIES ASSISTANCE ACT

The Municipalities Assistance Act provides an appropriation equal to one-third of the petroleum and natural gas royalties collected by the Province during the immediately preceding year. The Department of Municipal Affairs allots unconditional grants to all municipalities from this appropriation each year.

Essentially a per capita grant, the allotments are equalized by the municipal ability to pay as measured by the per capita assessment; - and the municipal need, as measured by the density of population.

Since its inception in 1951, the annual appropriations have provided a total of $292,298,062.00 in outright grants that municipal councils have been able to spend unconditionally for any purpose within their jurisdiction.

The appropriation for 1969 is $33,773,845.00, an increase of 9.2% over the 1968 amount of $30,904,830.00.

Each municipal allotment of the Municipalities Assistance Grant is calculated by a formula based on three factors:

- Population - as established by the last federal census or latest subsequent census taken by the municipality.
- Per-Capita Assessment - calculated by dividing the annual equalized assessment as determined by the Alberta Assessment Equalization Board by the population.
- Density of Population per Township - established by dividing the population by the actual area of the municipality.

Essentially each grant is a per-capita grant equalized by the "ability to pay" as measured by the per-capita assessment and by the "need" as measured by the density of population.

• CITIES

	1969 GRANT		1969 GRANT		1969 GRANT
Calgary	$ 6,547,302.84	Grande Prairie	$ 212,401.78		
Camrose	157,487.26	Lethbridge	689,713.45	Red Deer	$ 481,920.65
Drumheller	93,389.18	Lloydminster	76,470.05	Wetaskiwin	115,026.67
Edmonton	7,286,285.49	Medicine Hat	456,072.44	Total	$16,116,069.81

• TOWNS

	1969 GRANT				
Athabasca	$ 32,813.61	Grande Centre	36,201.45		
Barrhead	48,614.80	Granum	5,460.93	Raymond	35,585.53
Bashaw	13,850.65	Grimshaw	32,431.40	Redcliff	38,387.28
Bassano	14,392.06	Hanna	45,812.12	Redwater	23,589.49
Beaverlodge	20,571.05	Hardisty	11,332.80	Rimbey	27,027.61
Black Diamond	16,839.51	High Level	37,948.67	Rocky Mountain House	49,038.95
Blairmore	32,867.54	High Prairie	43,633.52	Sedgewick	13,732.36
Bonnyville	45,236.08	High River	42,243.21	Slave Lake	29,891.64
Bow Island	20,883.80	Hinton	77,831.17	Smoky Lake	16,080.67
Brooks	65,221.56	Innisfail	45,448.27	Spirit River	19,926.01
Calmar	13,425.11	Irvine	3,769.12	St. Albert	182,929.66
Canmore	29,127.04	Killam	15,827.75	Stavely	5,691.37
Cardston	49,235.57	Lac La Biche	31,136.42	Stettler	78,721.59
Carstairs	15,676.03	Lacombe	57,015.11	Stony Plain	26,155.42
Castor	19,849.38	Lamont	15,075.56	St. Paul	71,096.40
Claresholm	57,590.78	Leduc	60,004.62	Strathmore	18,893.75
Coaldale	46,073.31	Lodgepole	3,708.05	Sundre	15,190.28
Cold Lake	22,862.79	Magrath	22,112.46	Swan Hills	21,575.29
Coleman	25,515.30	Manning	23,995.72	Sylvan Lake	24,214.35
Coronation	19,698.40	Mayerthorpe	17,505.25	Taber	82,719.90
Daysland	11,351.76	McLennan	21,050.43	Three Hills	26,107.58
Devon	22,669.28	Milk River	15,422.13	Tofield	17,161.75
Didsbury	31,060.52	Morinville	17,951.76	Trochu	13,366.34
Drayton Valley	60,119.26	Mundare	10,213.35	Two Hills	20,900.99
Eckville	11,617.46	Nanton	16,929.65	Valleyview	33,175.65
Edson	69,127.90	Okotoks	20,348.62	Vauxhall	16,337.58
Elk Point	14,141.47	Olds	58,686.97	Vegreville	66,971.48
Fairview	37,634.01	Oyen	17,696.34	Vermilion	47,933.16
Falher	16,889.26	Peace River	97,047.60	Viking	22,095.70
Fort Macleod	47,505.25	Picture Butte	17,917.55	Vulcan	28,935.59
Fort McMurray	107,736.07	Pincher Creek	57,078.15	Wainwright	67,179.53
Fort Saskatchewan	84,609.35	Ponoka	81,634.43	Westlock	52,386.87
Fox Creek	11,391.69	Provost	25,268.91	Whitecourt	51,451.71
Gleichen	7,425.41	Rainbow Lake	10,678.61	Total	$ 3,484,492.64

• VILLAGES

	1969 GRANT				
Acme	$ 5,745.68	Bentley	11,558.42	Bruderheim	5,271.25
Airdrie	17,161.25	Berwyn	8,276.35	Burdett	3,969.98
Alberta Beach S.V.	23,452.22	Betula Beach S.V.	614.63	Carbon	6,689.93
Alix	11,485.96	Big Valley	6,854.76	Carmangay	4,878.13
Alliance	5,193.91	Bittern Lake	1,656.46	Caroline	5,487.01
Amisk	2,355.64	Blackfalds	14,139.33	Castle Island S.V.	630.95
Andrew	9,100.42	Blackie	2,682.45	Cayley	2,601.07
Argentia Beach S.V.	2,812.58	Bon Accord	4,957.51	Cereal	3,459.11
Arrowwood	3,226.68	Bonnyville Beach S.V.	2,401.80	Champion	6,853.82
Barons	5,091.87	Botha	2,351.28	Chauvin	7,094.57
Bawlf	3,960.41	Bowden	10,750.04	Chinook	1,812.82
Beiseker	7,243.56	Boyle	8,517.06	Chipman	3,189.54
Bellevue	21,482.34	Breton	8,095.19	Clive	4,390.88

o VILLAGES — 1969 GRANTS

Cluny	3,074.17	Halkirk	3,212.49	Plamondon	4,005.34
Clyde	4,630.08	Hay Lakes	3,320.34	Point Alison S.V.	1,379.84
Cochrane	15,253.40	Heisler	3,593.51	Poplar Bay S.V.	2,848.55
Consort	12,095.62	Hill Spring	3,486.71	Radway	2,811.29
Coutts	7,676.65	Hines Creek	7,681.05	Rochon Sands S.V.	4,567.27
Cowley	3,275.30	Holden	9,013.67	Rockyford	5,092.66
Craigmyle	1,825.91	Hughenden	5,213.95	Rosalind	3,490.83
Cremona	3,211.24	Hussar	4,009.96	Rosemary	3,835.47
Crossfield	11,224.28	Hythe	8,968.25	Ross Haven S.V.	4,050.65
Crystal Springs S.V.	4,013.03	Innisfree	4,763.68	Rumsey	1,812.96
Czar	3,623.13	Irma	7,427.68	Rycroft	9,533.55
Delburne	7,079.57	Irricana	2,293.91	Ryley	8,436.75
Delia	5,124.27	Island Lake S.V.	2,795.82	Sandy Beach S.V.	6,183.36
Derwent	4,671.11	Itaska Beach S.V.	2,292.96	Sangudo	5,924.04
Dewberry	3,567.14	Kapasiwin S.V.	1,652.13	Seba Beach S.V.	11,968.97
Donalda	4,416.63	Kinuso	6,854.43	Sexsmith	8,800.69
Donnelly	4,630.68	Kitscoty	6,200.97	Silver Beach S.V.	3,233.02
Duchess	3,622.31	Lakeview S.V.	1,029.07	Silver Sands S.V.	1,845.78
Eaglesham	4,394.48	Lavoy	2,107.44	Spruce Grove	12,892.98
Edberg	3,034.66	Legal	10,301.98	Standard	4,604.54
Edgerton	6,237.03	Linden	3,905.69	Stirling	7,399.15
Edmonton Beach S.V.	6,077.55	Lomond	3,853.66	Strome	4,305.23
Elnora	3,598.89	Longview	3,111.74	Sunset Point S.V.	3,079.04
Empress	6,502.83	Lougheed	4,568.66	Thorhild	8,723.28
Entwistle	6,016.50	Ma-Me-O Beach S.V.	9,258.88	Thorsby	10,716.71
Evansburg	8,312.30	Mannville	12,322.03	Tilley	4,600.78
Ferintosh	2,713.29	Marwayne	6,279.71	Torrington	2,361.17
Foremost	10,245.19	Millet	8,296.03	Turner Valley	13,368.74
Forestburg	12,881.41	Milo	2,326.73	Val Quentin S.V.	4,294.70
Fort Assiniboine	3,024.69	Minburn	2,311.94	Veteran	4,752.74
Frank	3,213.21	Mirror	7,997.22	Vilna	6,186.23
Gadsby	1,520.70	Morrin	4,918.96	Wanham	5,350.95
Galahad	3,107.18	Munson	769.63	Warburg	7,878.68
Ghost Lake S.V.	2,645.63	Myrnam	8,229.63	Warner	7,976.22
Gibbons	6,668.20	Nakamun Park S.V.	2,315.71	Warspite	2,121.86
Girouxville	5,471.09	Nampa	5,720.78	Waskatenau	4,566.20
Glendon	6,339.33	New Norway	3,978.26	Wembley	5,877.23
Glenwood	3,518.23	New Sarepta	3,463.61	West Cove S.V.	3,582.93
Golden Days S.V.	6,253.97	Nobleford	6,981.61	Wildwood	7,315.07
Grandview S.V.	4,059.97	Norglenwold S.V.	3,058.55	Willingdon	6,910.61
Grassy Lake	3,661.67	Onoway	7,007.63	Yellowstone S.V.	2,669.59
Gull Lake S.V.	7,514.95	Paradise Valley	3,132.33	Youngstown	6,540.53
Hairy Hill	2,441.28	Penhold	6,204.45		$ 944,095.23

• COUNTIES

	1969 GRANT		1969 GRANT		1969 GRANT
Grande Prairie #1	$ 467,971.58	Athabasca #12	$ 333,417.06	Vermilion River #24	$ 414,460.42
Vulcan #2	253,004.80	Smoky Lake #13	218,250.20	Leduc #25	263,603.85
Ponoka #3	224,171.82	Lacombe #14	218,570.93	Lethbridge #26	168,218.23
Newell #4	359,446.64	Wheatland #16	296,808.65	Minburn #27	294,023.16
Warner #5	265,159.47	Mountain View #17	293,252.55	Lac Ste. Anne #28	241,573.94
Stettler #6	289,476.11	Paintearth #18	194,216.92	Flagstaff #29	310,242.44
Thorhild #7	189,771.66	St. Paul #19	303,303.26	Lamont #30	155,936.24
Forty Mile #8	242,833.38	Strathcona #20	272,215.01	Parkland #31	272,855.15
Beaver #9	263,673.89	Two Hills #21	243,547.14	Total	$ 8,063,251.82
Wetaskiwin #10	298,972.11	Camrose #22	289,977.92		
Barrhead #11	197,388.17	Red Deer #23	226,909.12		

• MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS

	1969 GRANT		1969 GRANT		1969 GRANT
Cardston #6	$ 257,523.28	Starland #47	$ 148,328.59	Smoky River #130	$ 214,946.62
Pincher Creek #9	158,816.88	Kneehill #48	269,845.28	Spirit River #133	55,432.25
Taber #14	365,200.27	Provost #52	173,249.81	Peace #135	71,060.61
Willow Creek #26	256,126.98	Wainwright #61	234,416.76	Fairview #136	77,215.16
Foothills #31	270,731.40	Bonnyville #87	223,571.75	Total	$ 3,729,931.25
Acadia #34	54,332.23	Sturgeon #90	285,123.59		
Rocky View #44	351,126.21	Westlock #92	262,883.58		

• IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

	1969 GRANT		1969 GRANT		1969 GRANT
#1	$ 64,511.27	#9 See Banff & Lake Louise School Districts	$	#18	$ 168,936.18
#2	7,431.28	#10	112,126.98	#19	41,637.60
#3 Military Experimental Range	Nil	#11	2,012.38	#20	49,747.02
#4 See Waterton National Park School District		#12 See Jasper School District		#21	60,574.67
#5	29,213.39	#13 Elk Island National Park	Nil	#22	57,882.52
#6	1,160.33	#14	132,660.62	#23	88,700.67
#7	40,587.29	#15	33,180.95	#24 Wood Buffalo National Pk.	Nil
#8	28,533.03	#16	64,237.01	Total	$ 1,[illegible]9,518.75
		#17	206,385.56		

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SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN NATIONAL PARKS

	1969 GRANT
Banff S.D. #102	$ 57,854.50
Lake Louise S.D. #1063	1,991.99
Jasper S.D. #3063	49,917.31
Waterton Park S.D. #4233	4,350.95
	$ 114,114.75

SUMMARY

Municipalities	1969 GRANT
Cities (10)	$16,116,069.81
Towns (101)	3,484,492.64
Villages (167)	944,095.23
Counties (30)	8,063,251.82
Municipal Districts (18)	3,729,931.25
Improvement Districts (18)	1,189,518.75
Special Areas	132,370.75
SD's in National Parks (4)	114,114.75
GRAND TOTAL	$33,773,845,00

VEGREVILLE'S SECRETARY RETIRED IN OCTOBER

Secretary-treasurer of the Town of Vegreville for 19 years, A.A. Cantrill retired in September and moved to Penticton in October.

He is succeeded by Robert Wemyss, formerly of Lac La Biche.

Mr. Cantrill went to Vegreville 23 years ago as a sergeant with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, in charge of the Vegreville detachment. On retirement from the RCMP, he was appointed town secretary. ●

MUNICIPAL FINANCE REPORTING

o New Section of DBS Manual expected in May

The first section of the fourth edition of the "Municipal Finance Reporting Manual" is due in May 1970. It will cover Revenue, Expenditures, Assets, Liabilities and Equity. This was announced by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics during the sixth session of the eighth Federal-Provincial Conference on Municipal Finance Statistics held in the Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax, N.S., November 5 - 7, 1969.

Don Bruce of the Municipal Inspection Branch, Department of Municipal Affairs, attended from Alberta.

Items dealt with at the conference were:

- Classification of Revenue and Expenditure
- Treatment of Inter-fund Transfers
- Assets, Liabilities and Equity Classifications
- Coding
- Municipal Accounting Terminology
- The new manual

A special presentation was made by John Weldon on the development of the Geographically Referenced Data Storage and Retrieval System in the D.B.S. and:

- its proposed application in the 1971 population census
- its potential applicability for queries of local or municipal data files
- its potential applicability in other areas of municipal finance and utilities.

The first edition of the Municipal Finance Reporting Manual was published in 1942. The current third edition of 337 pages was published in 1960. It was available for distribution to all provincial and municipal corporations as well as auditors.

The next and seventh session of the eighth conference will be held in Quebec, June 9, 1970. Previous sessions were held in Victoria, Toronto, Fredericton and Winnipeg dating back to April, 1967.

AUMA CONVENTION

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PANEL ON LABOUR RELATIONS

A panel of visitors discussed municipal labour relations for two hours in the afternoon of opening day. Panel members with chairman Mayor Dr. I. Dent of Edmonton, were: J. Douglas Muir, Associate Professor, Faculty of Business Administration, U of A; C.S.J. MaKelvey, Executive Assistant, U.B.C.M.; K. Scobie, Pay Research Bureau, Public Staff Relations Board, Ottawa; and L. G Young, Head of Economic Services, A.S.T.A.

The discussions provided some background information for delegates in considering later an executive proposal for a labour research officer.

PROVINCIAL GRANT $15,000

The Association financial statement was approved for the year ending September 30. It showed a budget of $44,347.97. Largest revenue sources were membership dues at $24,541.24 and a grant of $15,000 from the Department of Municipal Affairs.

NEW MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE

Resolution No. 1 dealing with a membership fee increase was adopted almost unanimously, there being only one dissenter. The new rates will be effective in 1970, and invoices will be mailed on February 1st, 1970, says Mr. E. Newman, Executive Secretary. The new schedule:

By Population

The first 1000	@	14¢ each
The next 5000	@	8¢ each
The next 5000	@	6¢ each
Over 11,000	@	2¢ each

With a maximum fee of $7,000.00 and a minimum fee of $20.00.

LABOUR RESEARCH

Mr. Newman also said, following passage of Resolution No. 1, that the executive is empowered to use some of the money derived from the fee increase, to hire a research officer for gathering information pertinent to labour negotiations. This information would be available to members. It is not the intent of the association to hire a labour negotiator, he said.

FASHION, ART AND BOOKS

An afternoon fashion show and tea in Edmonton's Silver Slipper was enjoyed by many of the delegate's ladies on Wednesday. Next day, the ladies visited the city's Art Gallery and the Centennial Library.

"SHACK" SHACKLEFORD AGAIN

Quite a number attended films in Edmonton with complementary tickets arranged by "Shack" Shackleford of Lethbridge.

FRATERNAL DELEGATES

Fraternal delegates brought greetings; Reeve Ralph Brown, President, Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties; R.D. Gruenwald, President, Alberta School Trustees Association; Roy F. Anderson, Alberta Hospitals Association; Mayor Don Morton of Duncan, Past President, Union of British Columbia Municipalities; and John Murphy, Mayor of Milstone, President, Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association.

Norman MacLeod of the Municipal Affairs Division, Government of the Northwest Territories, and Claude Langlois, new executive director, Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities, were there as observers.

Alderman Ed Dooley represented newly-elected Mayor Rod Sykes of Calgary.

Among the long-time municipal people in attendance were Del McQueen, now mayor of Vulcan and Olaf Monsson, now Secretary at Wainwright. Ross Ellis, town manager at Hinton, was attending his twenty-second convention.

TIE PIN AND CUFF LINKS FOR WES JACKSON

Incoming President R.E. Barrett of Red Deer presented the past-president's tie pin and cuff links to outgoing president W. Jackson of Lacombe during the banquet Thursday evening. ●

No one can coast uphill.

LOW COST HOUSING: ... THE DEMAND IS RISING!

Part of an address by the
HON. F.C. COLBORNE,
Minister of Municipal Affairs,
to the 63rd annual convention of the
Alberta Urban Municipalities Association,
October 1969.

Housing

One of the most pressing problems to which we have turned our attention in recent weeks has been the housing problem. Concern about the shortage of housing and, in particular the shortage of low cost housing has been expressed in many quarters and in many ways. Public concern has been expressed by citizens' groups of various kinds. Representatives of municipal bodies have expressed these concerns through direct contact with myself. The Alberta homebuilders, individually and collectively, have expressed their concerns, and the Alberta Housing Council recently met with the Alberta Cabinet to outline the special problems which they face at the present time in attempting to provide for this province much needed housing units. I, in turn, have just returned from a visit to Ottawa where I met with the Honourable Robert Andras, federal Minister responsible for housing, and with Mr. Hignett, the head of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, and at this meeting I outlined the concerns of the Province of Alberta in a brief presented to the Government of Canada on behalf of this Province.

Demand is rising

In our brief we tried to stress as forcefully as we could that the shortage of housing today demands that housing be considered the top priority need of our country, and that the effort to meet this housing need should not be limited by monetary measures to control inflation. We recognized the fact that the control of inflation is a matter of serious importance to our country, but we pointed out that the solution to this problem could very well prevent us rather than aid us in solving the problem of housing at the same time. There is no question of the fact that housing construction has been used as an effective economic regulator in the management of Canada's economy, and for this reason house construction has followed a rather sporadic course. At the same time the demand for housing has risen rather steadily to the place where supply has fallen far short of the need. We argued therefore that it seemed to be unwise that housing construction, which is so vital to the needs of all Canadians, should continue to be used as an economic regulator, on the contrary it is our view that housing construction should be insulated from the ups and downs of the economy in order that its supply may be geared to the requirements of the Canadian people, and in order to do this it is necessary that the money market for housing be insulated from the effects of a necessary inflation control programme.

Private enterprise should meet the major need

It seems to me that we cannot successfully pursue a monetary policy that limits the total supply of development funds in our country unless we can, at the same time, ensure that the most desirable kinds of development are financed before the least desirable kinds of development. This is not happening at the present time with respect to housing. Our first objective should be to obtain a maximum effort from the private enterprise sector of our economy in the construction of new housing units. Only in this way can we minimize the need for Government involvement and the pressures of Government for public housing. If the private sector of our economy is not enabled to build all the housing it can there will be increased demands for more and more public housing subsidized by taxation, and while I believe that public housing should be supplied to meet the need, the need itself should be minimized wherever possible and a full effort by the private sector is necessary in achieving that goal. It is a matter of record in our rovince that there are developers who have projects ready to go. They are even prepared to pay the high interest rates presently being asked in the money market, but even at these interest rates lenders have no money to lend for housing, and there can be no doubt that this shortage of mortgage funds for housing exists because other lower priority kinds of development are being financed by the lending institutions.

Lenders money goes elsewhere -- not to housing

The same problem of obtaining mortgage funds exists in all parts of the Province and it is interfering with our efforts to take advantage of opportunities which exist to meet the needs of some people for low cost housing. An example of this is the satellite housing programme which we have been experimenting with at the villages of Holden and Ryley, in the County of Beaver, where even with Government guarantees so that there is no risk whatever to the lender we are finding that no money is available for this purpose.

We believe that within certain broad limitations the areas surrounding Edmonton and Calgary offer a definite potential for increasing the supply of low cost housing for persons who are prepared to commute from satellite towns and villages to the core cities. We have been carrying out some preliminary studies with respect to this potential and we have found that a significant number of people are already on their own initiative exploiting these possibilities. Our preliminary figures indicate that possibly 30% of the labour force of some communities close to Edmonton and Calgary are already commuting to these cities while living in a satellite community. We would like to make it possible for more people to do this in conjunction with a programme that would enable them also to obtain housing at a lower cost than it can be obtained in the cities. However the success of such a programme will depend upon our finding some means of insuring that such developments can be financed.

I am happy to say that our presentation to Ottawa was well received by Mr. Andras and we have his assurance that he is striving to achieve the objectives which we outlined. It would appear, however, that we will likely have to wait until the new Federal budget is presented before we will know the extent to which the Federal Government is prepared to go in ensuring that the needs of housing in all its aspects are fully met. Once we know this it will then be necessary for us in Alberta to make our own plans to take full advantage of all federal programmes and to develop our own complementary programmes wherever it is necessary to fill the needs not being met by the national government. We realize full well that the housing problem is not confined to our major cities and their satellites, but that there are many hamlets in rural municipalities and urban communities throughout Alberta that have been experiencing the same problems. There is no doubt that the growth of some of the hamlets and our smaller urban centres is being hampered by the lack of housing, and it will be our intention to give attention to all areas where this problem exists. ●

J.H. Kulak of Stony Plain Retires

A farewell party in the Stony Plain Community Hall October 22, honoured Jacob H. (Decker) Kulak of the town of Stony Plain who retired from public service this fall after four years as town councillor and 14 years as mayor.

Mr. Kulak was presented with a reclining chair and a plaque recognizing his services. His wife, Norma, received a watch.

Born and raised in Stony Plain, Mr. Kulak helped in senior hockey for many years and was an active member of the Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He gave much of his time to community work. Through his work he was largely instrumental in developing the Stony Plain Municipal Hospital and the community arena.

Mr. Kulak is staying on in business in Stony Plain in partnership with his son, James. o E.A.P.

J. MACARTHUR OF WHEATLAND

John A. MacArthur of Gleichen passed away May 21, 1969, aged 77 years.

Mr. MacArthur was a well-known personality in the county of Wheatland and had friends in municipal service throughout Alberta as he had a total of 43 years in public service, 41 as a municipal councillor. He served on the Calgary Auxiliary Hospital Board, the Bassano Hospital Board and was Chairman of the Western Irrigation District for many years.

Born in Rock Valley, Iowa, Jack MacArthur came to Gleichen in 1912. He is survived by his wife Margaret; his son Donald, three grandchildren, two brothers and a sister. ●

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** denotes alternate member on P.M.A.C.

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FOR C F of M and M

Claude H. Langlois is the new Executive Director of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities. He succeeds Henry Alan Lawless, who joined the Prime Minister's staff in July, as Senior Correspondence Secretary.

o Urban Research Bulletin

ALBERTA STATUTES REVISED

The statutes of Alberta, which is a compilation of all provincial legislation presently in force, is now being revised and consolidated by the Legislative Counsel, Alberta Department of the Attorney-General.

The job is expected to take two years, and calls for the consolidation and publication of all valid legislative acts and any amendments to them passed since the last revision in 1955.

This is the fourth revision of the statutes since Alberta became a province in 1905. Revised statutes were published in 1922, 1942 and 1955.

When the revision work is completed, a proclamation by the Lieutenant Governor in Council will bring the new statutes into force.

COMING EVENTS

Jan.

27-28 ..... City Fire Chiefs Annual Conference..... Edmonton

29..... Opening Day
Third Session 16th Legislative Assembly..... Edmonton

Feb.

4-5-6..... AEMO Municipal Conference..... Calgary

March

Date to be set — Improvement District Committeemen's Eighth Annual Conference ..... Edmonton

April

1-2-3 .... Alberta Assessor's Association
10th Annual Convention ..... Lethbridge

May

28-29-30 Appraisal Institute of Canada
National Conference..... Ottawa

June

8-9-10.... Annual Refresher Course
in Municipal Administration..... Banff

9..... Seventh Session
Eighth Federal-Provincial Conference
on Municipal Finance Statistics .....Quebec City

July

19-20 Town Planning Institute of Canada
21-22..... Annual Conference..... Edmonton

MOTION CARRIED: ...OOPS!

The AUMA has discovered there can be slips in even the most well-organized of conventions.

During the morning, of the last day, delegates roundly defeated resolution No. 106 that would make property ownership mandatory for anyone seeking municipal office.

Just as delegates were about to proceed to the next resolution, Calgary city solicitor Jay Salmon, asked them to look back to resolution No. 103 approved a few minutes earlier. It was almost identical!

Delegates then hastily recalled their earlier resolution for reconsideration; rescinded their approval of it and with a voice vote, defeated it!

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